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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC GT PFOR
SUBJECT: PROTEST OF DETENTION OF FATHER BERNARD A. SURVIL

REF: GUATEMALA 1063

1. DCM MET WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OBIOLS AFTERNOON
FEBRUARY 22 TO DISCUSS JAILING AND EXPULSION OF FATHER
SURVIL, WHO HAD BEEN EXPELLED FORM EL SALVADOR FEBRUARY 18.
DCM GAVE OBIOLS FULL ACCOUNT OF GOG ACTIONS AS DESCRIBED
IN PARA 17 REFTTEL, POINTING OUT PATENTLY UNREASONABLE
AND CONTRIVED NATURE OF CHARGE AGAINST SURVIL THAT HE
HAD ENTERED GUATEMALA ILLEGALLY BECAUSE HIS PASSPORT HAD
NOT BEEN STAMPED AT FRONTIER. DCM ALSO NOTED UNFAVORABLE
PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS WHICH GOG ACTIONS IN THIS CASE
COULD HAVE. OBIOLS REPLIED THAT HE WAS UNINFORMED ON
DETAILS OF CASE BUT THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE
GOG AUTHORITIES AND HE WOULD CALL BE BACK.

2. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 23 OBIOLS TELEPHONED
SAYING THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SURVIL CASE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES WHO PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED IT
(LAMENTA PROFUNDAMENTE). IT WAS CLEARLY A CASE OF
ABUSE OF AUTHORITY OF OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF GOVERNACION
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(I.E., INTERIOR). FOREIGN MINISTRY WISHED TO MAKE AN
INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIR AND TO REGISTER COMPLAINT WITH
MINISTRY OF GOVERNACION. TO THIS END OBIOLS ASKED EMBASSY
IF IT COULD PROVIDE A WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF SURVIL CASE SO
THAT IT COULD BE USED IN THE INVESTIGATION, IN AN ATTEMPT
TO PREVENT REPETITIONS OF ABUSE OF AUTHORITY IN FUTURE.
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